



October 15, 2019

General Manager  
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Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to share with you that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Nominating Committee has selected me as their recommended candidate to serve in the role of ACWA President for the 2020-2021 term. I am excited about having the continued opportunity to play a leadership role in ACWA and represent your water agency and the other 457 ACWA member agencies in addressing California's increasingly complex water issues. I am writing to respectfully request your agency's support for my candidacy during the ACWA Officer Election at our fall conference.

My experience in serving as the ACWA Vice President the past two years, in addition to participating on various ACWA committees and in numerous events over the years, has shown me that it is the people that make the difference in the success of our statewide organization. The diversity among water agencies – north/south, east/west, large/small, ag/urban, coastal/mountain, desert/forest – provides a stellar example of the value of collaboration. Statewide, ACWA member agencies have the expertise to solve almost any water issue when given the opportunity. One of the things I enjoy most about being a part of ACWA is being able to learn from water experts from each of our regions. Together we are a mighty force throughout California and together we can solve difficult issues to the benefit of all Californians.

I have attached a brief summary of my experience. While this experience is indeed important, what I treasure most is having the support of people whom I respect within ACWA – past presidents, fellow ACWA Board members, friends from other water agency boards, general managers and district staff.

Many agencies have already indicated support for my candidacy, and I am very grateful for their early votes of confidence. I respectfully ask for an opportunity to represent the best interests of water agencies throughout California and ask for your agency's vote. I look forward to seeing you at our fall conference in San Diego. Thank you in advance for your support. Please contact me if you have any questions about my candidacy at 714-227-2869.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven E. LaMar".

Steven E. LaMar  
Director

Enclosure: Statement of Qualifications

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## STEVEN E. LAMAR

### Statement of Qualifications for President Association of California Water Agencies

- Inclusive Leadership
- Active Advocacy
- Strong Commitment to the Water Community

“Seeing things from all perspectives and working together to make a difference. This is not only the best way to forge alliances and make tough policy decisions, it’s essential for good governance.”




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### Inclusive Leadership: Experience that Counts

Steve LaMar has been a member of the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) Board of Directors since early 2009, serving multiple terms as Board President. In past elections, he received support and endorsements from both the business community (e.g., Orange County Business Council, Building Industry Association) and environmental groups (e.g., Orange County League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club).

Mr. LaMar has also served in leadership roles for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). He is currently Vice President, past Chair of the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee, and a member of ACWA’s Executive Committee. He is a past Chair of ACWA’s Headwaters Task Force. Mr. LaMar has served on the board of directors of several other water-related organizations, including the National Water Resources Association (representing 17 Western states), the Southern California Water Coalition, CalDesal, and the National Water Research Institute.

Beyond his water industry involvement, Steve has held leadership positions at a wide range of organizations, such as President of the Natural Communities Coalition of Orange County, a nonprofit organization responsible for implementing California’s first natural community conservation plan and for protecting 37,000 acres of habitat. He was a past leader in the California Building Industry Association, where he chaired both the Water Resources Committee and the Government Affairs Committee.

### Active Advocacy: Not Just Words

Mr. LaMar has a history of advocating for ACWA’s policies and initiatives in his current role as an ACWA officer and through service on numerous ACWA committees. He currently chairs ACWA’s Water Resilience Portfolio Working Group to develop ACWA’s recommendations to the Newsom Administration and the ACWA Board Steering Committee to draft ACWA’s first five-year strategic plan.

### A Long-Term Commitment to the Water Community: Live What You Believe

Steve’s commitment to the water community pre-dates his joining the Board of IRWD. He worked on the Delta Vision Stakeholders Coordinating Group as a business representative, the AB 2717 Landscape Task Force as the chair of the Economics Work Group, the 2005 and 2009 Advisory Committees for the California Water Plan, the State Water Desalination Task Force, and Governor Davis’ Drought Advisory Panel.

Serving on the Board of IRWD has provided Mr. LaMar with the knowledge and understanding of what goes into providing retail water service to a broad and diverse community. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Pittsburg State University and an Environmental Management Institute Certificate from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



Pamela Tobin, Director

October 18, 2019

Dear ACWA Member Agency Board Chairs and Presidents:

I wanted to inform you that I will be nominated from the floor for the office of ACWA Vice President during the General Session Membership Meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>, at the ACWA Fall Conference.

I feel strongly that I am the best candidate to bring the *experience and leadership* needed to help ACWA fulfill its vision and mission. Consequently, I believe I have an obligation to the ACWA membership to continue to offer myself to serve in this important role.

GO TO THE FOLLOWING WEB ADDRESS TO ACCESS MY STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS, CURRICULUM VITAE, AND MY PRIORITIES FOR ACWA: <https://www.sjwd.org/pam-tobin-for-acwa-vp>

Many ACWA members across the State -- north and south, ag and urban -- have also encouraged me to continue my bid for ACWA Vice President. Among those urging me to continue my candidacy are *former ACWA Presidents: Jerry Gladbach and Bette Boatman*. They and others have told me that they value my 15 years of experience in California water, the leadership roles I have played and my active participation in ACWA and ACWA-JPIA over the last several years.

I would appreciate **YOUR AGENCY'S VOTE** at conference in support of my candidacy for ACWA Vice President. **PLEASE BE SURE TO DESIGNATE AND DIRECT YOUR DELEGATE TO CAST YOUR VOTE FOR ME.**

Information regarding the voting process, the delegate designation form, and a facsimile of the ballot your delegate will receive at conference may also be found at the web address above.

I would be pleased to speak to you and your Board colleagues to provide more information about myself or answer any questions you might have. I welcome and invite such a conversation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pam Tobin  
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